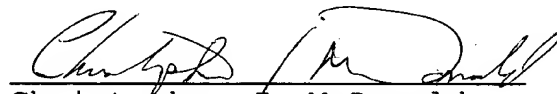## REMARKS

By this amendment claims 18-35 are pending.

In the advisory action of June 27, 2005, the Examiner stated that activation of services was not recited in rejecting claims. By this amendment new claim 31 recites the service manager enabling the activation of services. Claim 18 recites the service manager enabling authentication and authorization to use services.

The Examiner also stated that the specification does not define exactly what a "service manager" is and refers to page 6 of the specification and the block labeled No. 5 in Figure 1. However, the specification the function and interaction of the service manager with the other components of the system. The Examiner refers to Schultz as stating that the engine 26 interfaces with the data repository and directory and therefore concluded that the engine could be considered a service manager. However, claim 18 recites that the service manager interfaces with both an information repository and components of a distributed electronic system. Both the specification and claims set forth the features of the service manager which are not disclosed in the prior art.

Claims 32-35 further define the invention.

A one month Extension of Time accompanies this response. If any additional fees are due and owing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 08-2455.

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